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**JACKSON COVERED BRIDGE TO BE CLOSED FOR REHABILITATION WORK**

***Timber Honeymoon Bridge Carries NH Route 16A Over Ellis River***

The New Hampshire Department of Transportation announces Honeymoon Bridge in Jackson will be closed to traffic on Monday, February 2, 2004 until June 25, 2004.

This five month bridge closure is necessary as part of a major rehabilitation project of the timber covered bridge that carries NH Route 16A over the Ellis River. A signed 1.5-mile detour will be in place to assist motorists around the bridge closure.

This project, which began December 16, 2003, involves extensive structural repairs and the replacement of some sections of the wooden bridge. It also includes erosion control and roadway approach work on NH Route 16A on both sides of the bridge.

CCS Constructors, LLC of Morrisville, Vermont is the general contractor for the \$833,000 project, which has a final completion date of August 6, 2004.

The 121-foot long Honeymoon Bridge was built in the 1870's. It is eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.